

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 1-20 and Claims 21-24 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate the objections raised on page 2 of the Office Action, with Claims 21-24 added herein directed to recitation respectively deleted from Claims 5 and 9-11. All Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,936,842 to Kaiser et al on pages 3-4 of the Office Action, with the Examiner making the following statement on page 3:

. . . Even though the reference [Kaiser et al] does not teach the housing extension, the ability for the carrying body to have an extension connected to it in the following manner does in fact exist. A housing extension could be connected to the basic carrying body[,] it just is not. This claim does not include a positive recitation of the housing expansion in connection with the basic carrying body, thus all of the following dependant claims that deal with the specifics of the housing extension are not positively recited either.

Accordingly, the present amendment positively recites housing extension 20 in cooperative relationship with the basic carrying body 3 in independent Claim 1 (reference is being made to preferred embodiments of the present invention illustrated in the drawings of the present application). The dependent claims have

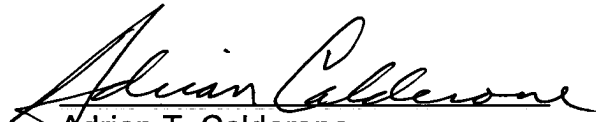
also been amended to ensure positive recitation of all elements forming the preferred embodiments of the present invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted Kaiser et al no longer anticipate the invention recited in any pending claim herein.

The remaining art of record has not been applied against the claims and will not be commented upon further.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendment, accompanying remarks, and explicit statements in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A petition for an automatic two month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition fee and fee for additional claims introduced herein.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Calderone", written over a horizontal line.

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